



January 15, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530 0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

This is to inform you that I support the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice and believe that it will be advantageous to all concerned. To continue litigation would not be in the best interest of our country and our economy. This suit may have already contributed to the slowing of the economy, and to continue litigation could cause further harm.

As I understand the terms of the agreement, the settlement seems to be good for the parties involved and good for the country. This suit has been a nuisance to the technology sector from its conception. We cannot allow continuing litigation because it has consistently drained millions of dollars of government money. This suit has gone on for long enough, and it must be put to rest. I urge you confirm this settlement and let all of us get back to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'R R Yates'.

Rod Yates
V.P. of Operations

Cc: Representative Spencer Bachus